

ASSAC voters veto Brown and elect Diaz president

by Brian Bergsetter

ASSAC officers will find a new face behind the presidential desk Lucy Diaz.

The former vice-president defeated the incumbent Paul Brown by a margin of 71 votes, 134-63.

Diaz showed a unique campaign strategy by pitching a tent near the snack bar and camping out during the voting hours. She made this her campaign headquarters and made herself available to talk to various students during the campaign.

Even Brown admitted Diaz had "a good campaign gimmick".

The present ASSAC President remembers when he used music to attract the voter's attention, which enabled him to defeat his other challengers in last spring's election.

Brown also used music again this semester, but this time, so did Diaz.

"When both of us had our music playing it was more of a shouting match, said Brown.

Diaz sees her position as ASSAC President as being an active representative of the student body. She has offered no specific programs and feels the

glorification of student government will be secondary during her administration.

"I will not offer a lot of complicated programs that I don't think student government can achieve," said Diaz.

The president-elect feels a key factor in her campaign was support from numerous ASSAC senators and cabinet members.

"Every semester I've been at SAC, I've accepted a larger challenge and greater responsibility with each position I've held. Because of my wide experiences in student government I have worked with many people and feel that they gave me a great amount of support," Diaz related.

The vice presidential race wasn't much closer as President Pro-Tem Dave Vetter defeated former Commissioner of Communications, Robert Naughton, by a 42 vote margin, 110-68.

Senators that were elected for one year are Leticia Gomez, Lance Robinson, Randy Moreno, Charlene Rust, Laura Miller, Sabrina Carey and George Small.

For one semester, the senate winners are Susan Baker, Robert Jackson, Luvina Triplett and Sylvia Prout.



Lucy Diaz



Dave Vetter

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Spiritual Values Week activities being planned

Planning for SAC's traditional Moral and Spiritual Values Week, to be held March 13-17, is once again underway, according to chairman Bob Ash.

Ash, who is the SAC Veterans Officer, feels confident this year's activities will compare favorably to those of the past, such as last year's mock trial of "Bustler" publisher Gary Glynt, which featured SAC instructors Terry Bales, John Schmitz, Fred Mabbut and Ken Turknette.

"We're in the brainstorming stage right now," Ash said. "Some of the ideas we are considering include a religious booth day, a film festival, a basketball or volleyball game with Athletes In Action, another courtroom trial and a concert."

"The religious booth day would be sort of like a club booth day or the college day," Ash continued. "We're thinking of inviting several members of the religious community to come on-campus."

"We'd set up tables and put some chairs around them for students to come and talk with the representatives of the various faiths. We'd try to invite 20 or more groups, all different kinds," he commented.

Ash said the courtroom psychodrama would probably deal with the controversial issue of "the right to die." He also indicated that a new twist might be added to the procedure.

"Last year, the student jury deliberated behind closed doors," Ash explained. "This year, we're thinking of letting them discuss their votes on-stage, in front of the audience."

The film festival will probably screen films dealing with different kinds of moral values, not just those of a spiritual nature, Ash indicated.

He also mentioned that a speaker is being considered to lecture on whether or not moral and spiritual values should be a part of educational curriculums.

"For values in music, we think we'll bring in a group with some sort of religious orientation," Ash said.

Ash will be meeting with the committee designated to plan the week on Jan. 3. At that time, he hopes to finalize a large portion of the week's plans.

"I'm glad we've started early this year," Ash said. "With this kind of subject area, you have to pin down everything very carefully in order to make good plans. I've set a personal goal to get out a brochure by Feb. 1."

There are four student slots open on the planning committee, which includes faculty and staff members Gladys Alex, John Bayard, Harold Bateman, Gloria Davenport, Norm Gardner, Susan Kelley, Don McCain, Ken Turknette and Rick Wallace, as well as Ash.

The student openings will be filled by one member each from Collegiate Christians, Newman Club, LDS and the newly-formed Baptist organization on-campus, according to Ash.

Dean of Student Activities and committee member Don McCain said, "Things are coming along, but we are really going to need more student involvement this year than in the past."

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Here comes Santa Claus!

JOLLY OL' ST. NICK arrived at SAC Wednesday with sirens blaring, using a fire engine hook 'n' ladder as transportation rather than Rudolph and the reindeer gang. Santa was greeted

by a local elementary school teacher about to make a Christmas request of the bearded fellow before her students could get his ear. (photo by Jeff Armstrong)

Open Elections:

by Brian Bergsetter

Robert Jackson, ASSAC senator, plans to introduce a resolution to the senate Jan. 9 that will resurrect a topic which has haunted SAC student government for many years -- open elections.

Jackson proposes that the purchase of an ASB card should not be required to vote for ASSAC officers and that all registered students should have voting rights.

According to the ASSAC constitution, one must pay a fee of five dollars each semester in order to become an ASSAC member. The members then have the privilege of electing their president, vice president, other student officers and vote on constitutional changes.

However, a paradox has been created since ASSAC officers offer programs and services not only to dues paying members but also to non-card holders.

This situation has caused a question about the officers jurisdiction. Should their duties be limited to serving only ASSAC members or all registered SAC students.

According to Jackson's resolution, ASSAC claims the rights, privileges, authorities and powers to act as a student government and anyone who is enrolled at SAC comes under its jurisdiction. Therefore each student has the inherent right to vote for ASSAC officers.

This premise is questioned by many involved in student government.

One is Don McCain, dean of student activities. He sees the question of open elections as a political and economic issue.

McCain knows of no other programs totally funded by volunteers in this state. Because the students have paid to support activities, he feels they should also have the say of who runs the programs through ASB elections.

Since four-fifths of the student body do not have ASB cards, McCain fears that the association's control could be turned over to those who do not financially support activities.

"As an adviser, I cannot morally advise the one fifth to give control to those who are not supporting the program," said McCain.

McCain is not against the concept of open elections but feels it can only be possible by having another source of revenue for activities and cites three options.

One is to use the diversified budget which is

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Jackson's resolutions adds to ASSAC controversy

composed mainly of Don Bookstore revenue. However, this budget is already strained to pay for all athletic programs, dramatics, forensics, the concert band, el DON and other extracurricular activities.

McCain sees very little chance of funds coming from this source even though one fourth of ASB card sales are contributed to this budget.

A second proposal is to seek financial support from the district. Dave Vetter, vice president-elect, sees this as a possibility.

Vetter feels that student government officers could make a presentation to the RSCCD Board of Trustees and Dr. John E. Johnson, SAC president, asking for funding if it is necessary. He seems confident that ASSAC officers could present a case to the Board because "there are numerous facts on our side".

The last option depends on the passing of AB 1060, which would give community colleges the right to impose mandatory student body fees.

Paul Brown, ASSAC president, believes that "mandatory is a nasty word," and prefers the term, "student consent."

He explains by saying that an open election will be called and students will vote to determine whether or not they wish a required student body fee.

Brown pointed to one advantage of this system, estimating that the price of an ASB card would probably cost only about two dollars.

It would also be easier to present programs because the officers could plan the budget by the number of students enrolled according to Brown.

Jackson, however, has his doubts about such a fee. He feels there would be no control on the senate to keep it from raising the price if a mandatory fee is imposed.

Instead, the ASSAC senator would like to see a student activity discount card. This would be good for receiving discounts at department, grocery, auto stores and other businesses. The value of the card would be fixed at a certain amount of dollars and then charged to the students at a higher cost. Students buying these cards would fund the student government.

Jackson will probably read his resolution at the Jan. 9 ASSAC meeting. If the senate approves the bill, it will go to the Supreme Court to determine whether or not the bill is constitutional. The court must make an affirmative decision for the referendum to be placed on the ballot at the next general election.



STEP RIGHT UP -- A Wilson elementary student asks for two scoops at Wednesday's ice cream social hosted by ICC and the SAC

Administration. Holiday festivities included the arrival of Santa Claus by fire engine and a pinata. (photo by Jeff Armstrong)

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News Briefs

Loc Doan ping pong champion

Loc Doan defeated Mike Chwalek to become SAC's ping pong champion. Chwalek was second in the competition while Kozue Gentz was third.

Deadline for January graduation

Students graduating in January should pick up petitions now available in the Admissions Office. The deadline for filing is January 3, 1978.

State scholarships available

Students transferring to four-year colleges and universities may be interested in applying for State Scholarships. Applications are available in the Counseling Center. Deadline for applying is Feb. 1.

B of A Community College Awards

Applications and eligibility requirements for Bank of America Scholarships are available in the Counseling Center.

Pacific Pops Christmas concert

SAC Community Services presents a Christmas Concert with the Pacific Pops and Jan Warner, guest vocalist, at Phillips Hall at 8 p.m. Dec. 22. Admission is free.

Students needed for softball teams

Coed softball teams are now being formed. Students interested in participating should sign up at the Student Activities Office.

Art Gallery's sale ends today

Today is the last day to buy pots, paintings, pictures, and other items at the Art Gallery's Christmas Sale.

el DON recruiting students

All students who are interested in working for the el DON during the Spring Semester are invited to a get-acquainted staff meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 12:30 p.m. in C-201 in the Humanities Building. "We are losing many of our experienced people," said adviser Terry Bales, "and we need lots of help if the el DON is going to continue to serve SAC well."

Students who can't make the meeting but who are interested in journalism are asked to call Bales at Ext. 233. Prospective el DON staffers should sign up for Journalism 121 and 123 courses.

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Editorial

Why Brown lost ASSAC election

With something of a slap at the status quo, ASSAC Vice-President Lucy Diaz upset incumbent Paul Brown for the office of ASSAC President last week.

Leading what amounted to an insurrection from within Brown's own government and rallying the support of the majority of the student senate, Diaz ran on a platform that promised little more than that she would not be a president like Brown.

Apparently this assurance was enough. Not only was she elected in one of the larger landslides in recent years (134-63), but long-time Brown foe David Vetter, who is currently senate president pro-temp, was elected to fill the position of vice-president Diaz will be vacating next semester.

Paul Brown's fall from grace is a short and classic tale, as well as a good lesson to budding politicos. It started with the elections last spring for fall ASSAC officers.

Brown, who had been leveling scathing attacks on then-President Chris Miller's administration, won in a spirited contest against Vetter and Darlene Jacobson, Miller's vice-president.

His campaign was aggressive, and his victory was credited to his ability to attract the unaffiliated ASB cardholder. But the Brown campaign made the new President some powerful enemies in the ASSAC senate, including Vetter and most of Jacobson's supporters.

Brown also found himself with Diaz, who was Jacobson's running-mate, as his vice-president. Brown's brash personality and bold style never closed the gap between Diaz and himself, and he was alienated from the senate to the point that he was unable to get any of his programs approved.

All of which combined to pave the way for Diaz's convincing victory last week.

Cool and experienced, with massive support throughout student government, Diaz has the tools to be an effective leader. She can bring a new unity to student government, and she has the potential to start ASSAC on the road to developing increased student representation, alternate funding for activities and expanded programs -- and away from housekeeping and self-aggrandizement.

el DON urges Diaz to use her power firmly and judiciously in the best interests of all SAC students. It is her obligation to keep student government on the right track and make sure the focus is where it should be, on making SAC a better school to attend.

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Russ Chesley — On Top

It's that season of the year; Christmas spirit strikes again

It's a cold morning. Dew hangs about the scene from my window, and fog shrouds the world with a certain softness.

I shiver and blink at the rays of light piercing the misty veil. A bird sits on a tree and breaks the stillness of the air.

I watch the fellow, a common sparrow, shake the dampness from his wings and chirp to himself as he picks about the boughs for something to eat. Soon, other birds join him in a carefully choreographed song and dance.

For some reason, I'm reminded of Christmas when I was small. Then, we'd put together gifts for the wild birds that nested around our property.

The gifts consisted of Christmas feasts, made by stringing honey and caramel coated birdseed balls, popcorn and pieces of apple.

We'd take the strings out to the backyard and put them up, out of the way of cats, for the birds to enjoy.

I recollect standing in the kitchen just before Christmas dinner was put on the table, smelling all the delicious things cooking and watching the birds go crazy over their feast.

I guess I'm still a kid at heart, because the holiday season still puts me in a great mood.

I think the cue for my **Commentary**

transformation from cynical pessimist to blithering Christmas idiot is precisely when other people start talking about how they never get into the spirit of Christmas.

The more they complain about the commercialism of the season and the hassles trying to buy gifts on a limited budget and schedule for people who don't appreciate it anyway, the more I love this time of year.

So what is there are 486 St. Nicks per square yard all over the place? Santa Claus is really just God personified, made more human and less scary for us to accept easier.

He is a symbol of jolly goodwill and Christian charity, and he gets along so well with children. As far as I'm concerned, the more Santas, the better.

So what if gifts are a lot of trouble for no apparent return? I wonder if anyone's heard the sayings, "The gift is in the giving. It's the thought that counts." Maybe we don't think enough anymore.

The one gift I'd like to see everyone give everyone else is a smile and a warm thought for the holidays. I don't think there's anything that can replace the simple pleasure of giving or getting such a personal gift.



Life today contains more than a little loneliness and frustration. We need relief from the impersonal sterility of our society at least once a year.

We need something to represent the best of humanity, not the worst. We should realize that Christmas is no more than a mythical reflection of our own values as we want them to be seen.

If we choose to be materialistic and selfish, so be it. But if we choose to get into the spirit, we can make the holidays special in a very real sense.

I believe the celebrations of Christmas and Hanukkah are worthwhile, if for nothing else than the feeling of unity and tradition they bring to a timeless touch with the past than ever before.

Do you want to know something? This year, I think I'm going to put together a Christmas dinner for the birds again. Perhaps I'll even leave some cookies and milk for Santa Claus, in case he's hungry when he gets to our house.

College return when 'old' is traumatic for writer

by Merna Hamilton

The day I learned kids don't smooch anymore but make-out, I knew it was time to close the generation gap and return to college.

My closest friend did not encourage me.

"They don't want second childhood re-treads," my ex-friend said.

I'm back anyway, and was delighted to see TVs in the classroom.

"Oh, do you follow the soap operas here?" I asked hopefully.

"Nah, they show pornographic films," a fellow classmate told me. I fled the room, not wanting to know any more about sex than I remembered.

Even the junk food machines are against my religion. Upon asking how to use them, a nice boy who looks like my nephew explained, "You put in a quarter, pull the handle, and if three cherries come up you get a free sandwich."

Discouraged and hungry, I hunted for the Geritol Bar. They told me they didn't have a license to dispense booze. So I bring my own.

My biggest shock was learning I descended from an ape instead of being hand-molded as I was always taught. It made me scratch from invisible fleas. I certainly hope none of my ancestors show up for dinner.

Actually, everyone is really nice here, and so patient with an over-40 student. The only mean thing that happened to me was having to walk up to the

Humanities Department on the fourth floor. Those stairs just prove that department doesn't know a thing about humanity. I couldn't use the elevator because I wasn't handicapped until I got to the top. The paramedics refused rescue—they didn't think anyone who climbed that many stairs would be worth saving.

And I'm staying up here until someone brings me a parachute. And my Geritol.

Letters

Women's Center defended

Dear Editor,

In response to the letter from Thomas Alan Gadzinski on December 9, I would like to address the non sequiturs in his second and third examples of alleged discrimination against males through the existence of the Women's Opportunity Center and the championship women's volleyball team.

That Santa Ana College provides a Women's Opportunity Center is a positive recognition on the part of the administration and staff that

compensatory measures must be taken to assist women who by the very fact that they are female do experience discrimination and hardship in the worlds of society and work.

Almost every program offered by the Women's Opportunity Center is open to and available to men. In fact, men are encouraged to participate in the workshops, courses, and groups that the Center offers. We live in this world together and only by

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Cecil Hicks:

by Leslie Pirolo

You could call Cecil Hicks "the little big man."

The gray-haired Hicks stands about 5 feet 7. He has been the District Attorney for Orange County for the last 11 years.

Hicks has been in the news a lot lately, with his office prosecuting political luminaries such as supervisors Ralph Diederich and Phillip Anthony, political contributor Dr. Louis Cella and many others.

Cecil Hicks came to the Orange County District Attorney's Office in 1958

Interview

because his law practice in Pasadena took him into downtown Los Angeles too much.

"I hated downtown Los Angeles," he said. "I came here with the intention of staying for a few years, but one thing led to another, and here I am."

Hicks was born in Los Angeles and has lived in California most of his life. From his earliest memories, he had always planned on being an attorney.

"I can't ever remember seriously considering anything else," says he.

His job no longer takes him into the courtroom unless "someone has subpoenaed me as a witness. You could really say that my job is to see that other people do theirs properly."

He manages to do this and still maintain good rapport with "his employees", many of whom affectionately refer to him as "the Boss". He takes time to talk and joke with all the people in

the office, from attorneys to secretaries.

Hicks' office typifies this business personality. It is filled with the expected: shelves of law books, piles of papers and stacks of letters; and the unexpected: a collection of sport trophies in the corner, a small koala bear clipped to one of the pens in the official-looking pen set.

Cecil Hicks isn't interviewed very often. He explains that "most reporters want to know things about specific people and pending cases and I can't give them any information."

Q. In view of the many political scandals we've had in recent years, and Orange county seems to have had more than its share, would you say that politicians are more dishonest now or that law enforcement agencies are more alert?

A. (Groaning) "I don't like your term 'dishonest politicians'."



would certainly appear that we have had 'more than our share' of people involved in politics

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who are not following the law. I think that the public has determined that these people are answerable to the law. We have put pressure on them. The official attitude people seem to have is that those who hold public office have a higher trust. They have to be held accountable."

Q. There has been some controversy lately concerning the grand jury, what do you think is the reason for the increase in grand jury indictments?

A. "The problem is two-fold. The nature of this county--and I've been here nearly 20 years--is that it's always growing. Now that has a healthy side, but I guess that I would say that it's not ever stable. I think maybe that contributes to the 'wheeler-dealer' complex."

"Second, I have a theory that there's a certain kind of person, a lot of them, when there are two ways to do something, straight or illegally, almost take pleasure in doing things the illegal way. Maybe politics attracts that kind of person."

Q. What can be done to decrease the number of indictments?

A. "Our hope is that people who have a public responsibility will see that people are being caught and this will discourage them. We are providing a reminder, a **forceful** reminder, that they're accountable to the law. When they follow the law, they have nothing to fear. Of course, a few years ago

thought this would have cleared up some by this time, but it hasn't."

Q. What do you think would happen to Orange County politics if the grand jury was abolished?

A. "I think we would have a disaster, a worse one than we have had. What the grand jury



does is to have people come in and testify under oath. This permits the grand jury to investigate things that no one else can. No one else, not I, the police, the attorneys, can compel people to testify under oath, but they can. And of course, people can be granted immunity by the grand jury. Without the grand jury, people would clam up and there wouldn't be much we could do."

"I am seriously disturbed when people talk about doing away with the grand jury. There are so many examples of areas outside Orange County where the grand jury has been vital to a case. Watergate didn't begin

with the trials, it began with the grand jury. Because they said 'we're not satisfied with what you've told us. Let's bring in this witness and that witness.' Without the grand jury, Watergate would have been a nothing. As they say, 'it would have been a two-bit burglary'. Well, maybe a 30 cent burglary."

Q. What do you think is the reason for so much public apathy where politics are concerned?

A. "If I had a really good answer to that question, I would use it to change things or try to. People react to politicians the same way they react to used car salesmen. I think there's always been a basic distrust. In the last few years it has gotten to the point that when someone in an official position is caught breaking the law, people say, 'I knew it all along. You just can't trust them.' They're disgusted and feel that their taxes are being wasted. There are times when I'm fed up with the whole bunch."

Q. What do you think can be done to regain the public's trust and interest in politics?

A. "This will really sound like I'm on a soapbox. If more people in politics looked at it as an opportunity to serve as opposed to a method of promoting themselves, making money or rewarding their friends and just looked upon it as a service, the public would, I think, turn around. It would take a few years, but if they fulfill their obligations, they will regain the trust and respect of the public."

Good teachers demand best performance, work

by Nancy Lejeune

Grumble, Groan--sniff and snarl.

Teachers. They make us work, sweat. We wait until the day before whatever is due, then work feverishly with concentrated effort, hoping we won't end up having to beg the questions.

Being a student is demanding . . . let alone being required to adhere to deadlines! Migawd--we mutter--have they no pity? No--the really good teachers do not.

The effective teacher accepts few excuses for laziness, and knows the students well enough, though impersonally, to know which ones have promise. The great teacher pushes the student with high potential to the point of desperation to eke

out from his substance the proof of that promise.

The good instructor is accomplished in his/her own field, and is usually acclaimed in that respect. Words such as Guru, Master and Lord never preface the names by which they are known.

Why? Well, consider what Socrates said. He said that the just man will seem to be unjust in the eyes of the world, because he wants to be just and not merely to seem so. The just teacher stoically tolerates the criticism of aggravated students and continues expecting the utmost in performance.

SAC has a diverse population, with students of all ages, races, and from all the ranges of socio-economic status. Many students struggle tirelessly, attending college and working as well.

These individuals certainly do deserve praise for their zeal to succeed and for their perseverance.

Young students, eagerly sniffing the dandelion of the future, hold varied feelings about school and life. Some are tired of school after 12 years, and have been pushed into attending college by parents who want them to have more than they (the parents) have. Some of these students may be underachievers.

Some still live, because of economic necessity, with parents, and resent the frustration of having to live by parentally imposed adolescent rules while pursuing the means to an adult life. The student in this category may look at a demanding teacher as a surrogate parent and rebel scholastically.

They can succeed if they are able to forego the impetuosity and ardent desires of youth for a long-range purpose. Those who do are indeed mature beyond their years.

In increasing numbers, women, formerly thought of as "only housewives," are joining the ranks at SAC. To their own astonishment, they have found they are intelligent, welcome and useful. The years of giving in the home have taught them restraint and self-discipline, so they do pretty well scholastically. These women, with their understanding of young and old, add beauty and grace to the college scene.

Students attending under the G.I. bill fall under two categories. Some care little about education; they primarily want to collect the benefits to which they are entitled after serving in the armed forces.

Others have fought for America, have seen war-created horrors, and desire to rebuild shattered personal lives. They need to distract themselves from the memories of seeing buddies blown to bits, and are determined to retain solid sanity in an insane world.

Some have seen terrible human suffering, and educate themselves in the hope of contributing to a better world, where a child with slanted eyes will be valued as highly as those they left back home.

Handicapped students have a twofold problem--physical handicaps and the necessity to cope with the subtle aversion some able-bodied students deal out (probably from embarrass-

ment). One wheelchair passenger stated the feeling of the handicapped students eloquently and simply. She said, "We don't want their pity--we just want their friendship."

Though many variations distinguish SAC students from one another, they all have one thing in common. They are in college to obtain an education.

Teachers are like rudders that guide ships in the mainstream of life; the firmest rudder is the most effective. SAC students encompass the outposts and inroads of society's mainland. They vary, grow and learn. How does any person learn? Through the efforts of teachers. And the most demanding teacher evokes the greatest response.

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opening and maintaining channels of communication and understanding can we ever hope to achieve true 'equality.'

Secondly, I seriously doubt that a 'bunch of amateur male volleyball players' recruited in one month would be a very serious threat to the SAC Donas. The fact that most males tend to be physiologically larger and stronger than most females determines that sports competition is usually limited to one sex or another in competitive play. So what? I would wager that in mixed competition the Donas would be welcome members of any team!

Ann Peralta
Coordinator, Women's Opportunity Center

Chuck Chicken—by Mike Turville



New Year inspires new habits



Rich Silverstein

by Jennifer Goff
and
S.A. De Leon

Days slip by unnoticed, becoming months. Eventually, enough months pass, and it's a new year. "It's New Year's already, how time flies," is an exclamation often formed on the lips of many individuals, especially around the Christmas season.

A lot of people look forward to the new year hoping to fulfill fresh goals and resolutions. While others enter the approaching year unconsciously.

A variety of interpretations were given by students when asked, "Have you thought of a New Year's resolution?" Some practical outlooks given by students included an answer by Rich Silverstein; "I'm going to get a job, spend more money and fix my carburetor." Taking an opposite point of view, Joel Day said, "I'm going to give up spending so much money and make more money. I want to take up studying harder for exams. Besides that, I like most of the stuff I do. I'm kind of on the loose side."

Some students are taking a light approach to the upcoming year with a spark of humor. New ASSAC President, Lucy Diaz starts out with "Give up ASB Vice Presidency and render to David Vetter the ASB Vice President." Then she added, "I also think I should sleep with a hanger in my mouth to keep a smile on my face."

ICC leader Darlene Jacobsen openly admitted, "I'm going to give up french fries, they're fattening." The newly-turned 21-year-old boldly added, "I am also going to give up my childhood days because I am now a woman." Ending on a more contemplative note, she said, "I'd like to be a better person."

Strolling along campus, the different locations seem to reflect the varying frames of minds of the students. The contrasting selection of moods that represented the folks who volunteered their thoughts were enlightening as well as entertaining.

Some people spontaneously answered the question with the first reaction that sprang into

their minds. Other students pondered a moment before answering to organize their thoughts, and a few were inhibited with not much to say.

In a pensive attitude, SAC Job Placement Officer Joe Diaz expressed "I'd like the opportunity to work with the Community Center in the Chicano barrios. I'd like to work with people. I am interested in working with children." A few students created some constructive attainable goals for themselves like basketball player Ricky Nelson, who said, "I would like to win State Championship at South Coast Conference. There's not too many things else that I do that I can publicize."

David Hernandez also contributed an enthusiastic idea. "I'd like to add to the construction of electric doors on campus for better access for the handicapped. I don't think I'd like to give up anything."

Randy Zachary, who was found during the late morning on the lawn, commented on his prospect for next year, "I'd like to enroll in the Cal State Fullerton Teachers Credential Program in spite of Dr. Davert's education 101 class."

Not all students who were interviewed wished to have their picture taken. Coincidentally, Jeff Jones timidly admitted, "I'd like to be less camera shy." Please note that his resolution is not yet in practice.

With all inhibitions removed, Wade Durham amusingly revealed, "I want to cut down on smoking pot. I also think I should start saving my money and get me some hot women. I think I waste too much money on whatever."

A general attitude of students was that everyone felt he or she had room for improvement. Contrary to this, Nga Tran proudly stated, "I have no bad habits, I don't need to change because I am the perfect person."

Days do slip by, because the pace for many individuals is usually a rushed one. The awakening happens when a glance at a calendar is taken, then the realization of deadlines, appointments, or last minute projects suddenly demand full attention. Perhaps with a little effort and discipline students can turn their productive ideas into daily habits.

An interesting follow up to this survey would be to find out which SAC people determinedly stick to their newly formed policies. A departing comment numerous students gave after interviewed was, "Now you've really given me something to think about."

While in the process of wrapping up the survey, a unique situation occurred. An unusual individual rushing around campus approached el DON reporter, anxious to share his ideas for 1978.

"Before next year arrives, I wish everyone would realize that the end of this year isn't here yet, and the Holiday season should not be overlooked. I've seen a lack of spirit recently. But I haven't lost my feelings toward Christmas, which to me is a time of sharing and giving," he projected. Then quickly he turned and walked away. el DON reporter followed after him to find out his name. "Just put down Kris Kringle," was the reply.



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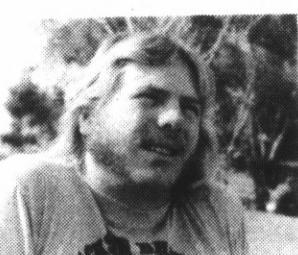
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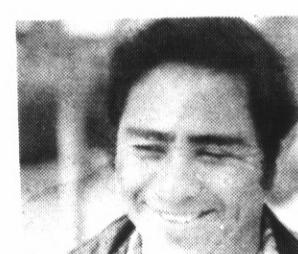
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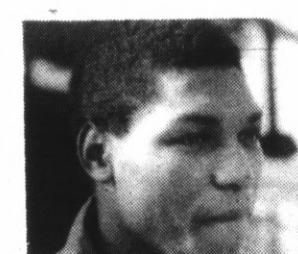
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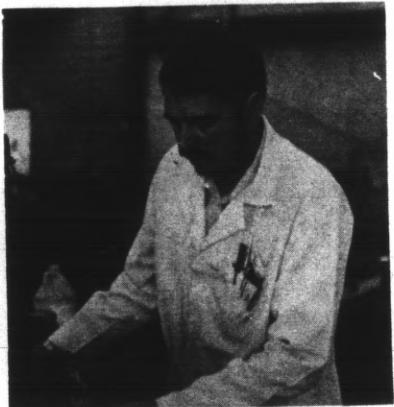
Drag racing fans compete for money, entertainment

by Nancy Lejeune

A concerted roar fills the air as members of SAC's High Performance Club members rev up their wheels at the starting point of the drag races.

And the racers, as well as students in Dave Whitcomb's automotive class, are real enthusiasts when it comes to the subject of automobiles and racing.

Whitcomb, the club's adviser, said, "We're probably an outgrowth of the Theta Organization, which was an automotive education club



Whitcomb

geared to turning students into auto repair teachers.

"We felt, though, that Theta didn't meet the needs of the students, so we were more interested in starting those guys into something they could sink their teeth into." That something is racing cars.

The racer/teacher said that one way to get automotive students into what is going on inside a car is to "get them into the automobile." He revealed that some people in the community display bumper stickers on their cars bearing the legend: "Ban low performance drivers--not low performance cars."

"Guys interested in racing cars will keep them perfectly tuned," said Whitcomb, refuting the implied criticism of racing drivers on the bumper stickers.

The club members had a really big win in the intercollegiate race at the Golden State Raceway in Santa Maria in 1972. According to Whitcomb, five trophies were offered, and the club won three. "As well," he continued, "we won second place overall for the best crew and best cars, with only five drivers."

Whitcomb, who has been racing most of his life, has consistently won money, though he said he would prefer "a few trophies to put on the mantle."

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THE THRILL OF THE RACE, THE ROARING CROWD -- Automotive repair instructor Dave Whitcomb competed at Orange County Raceway last Saturday, and won \$25. He is

Last weekend he won \$25 at the Orange County Raceway; the weekend before, \$60 for second place, and on the two previous weekends, \$110 each time for first place.

There can be hazards, though. Asked if any racers had ever been hurt, the advisor said ruefully, "Only the instructor. I wrecked my car in 1974--purely

an accident. I was racing and my car went out of control, hit a guardrail and flipped over seven times. My foot was broken, but the worst thing hurt was my feelings."

"The lack of severe injury to me was due to the extreme measure of safety practices required by the National Hot Rod Association."

Whitcomb's wife, Cathy, a SAC graduate, races her Buick Electra, and his 11-year-old son races a motorcycle. Whitcomb said that the club encourages participation by women.

advisor to the High Performance Club, SAC's club for those who love to race automobiles. Generally the racers compete in drag races.

(photo by Chris Abbott)

Club president, 40-year-old Chuck Price, has been with High Performance for a year. Said Price, "I'm going to start to compete to win!"

"You break parts in racing. Why, the last time I was out, I lost my gearshift!" He explained that, as he was shifting into third gear, the bolts snapped and the shift came loose in his hand. Asked what he did, he laughed, "Well, I prayed."

The High Performance Club meets between 8 a.m. and noon on Friday mornings in the automotive shop.

Musicians to entertain at SAC yuletide show

by Nancy Lejeune

For the seventh consecutive year, SAC Community Services will present the Pacific Pops Christmas Concert, to be conducted by James Christensen and featuring guest vocalist Jan Warner.

Christensen said, "We don't get into hard rock because our audience is mostly adult. We play adult pop music, with a smattering of classical music and some Christmas songs."

He said that 16-year-old Jan Warner, who attends Villa Park High School, "has an unusual voice, and she is a real talent who will make it big in the music business." Warner has performed with local bands as well.

The conductor went on to explain that people like to gather together to hear good music. "Most towns have traditionally had their town bands, and the fare they offered was mostly Sousa and such. But that has changed. The town band is being replaced by pop concerts in shopping malls, and orchestras are becoming the thing."

The group plays five concerts during the summer, four winter concerts and a couple of dinner shows at places like the Marriot Hotel. The professionalism of the players shows particularly in dinner engagements, where the violin section will play to one audience, and other band sections splinter apart to entertain with a wide variety of music selections.

This year's performance will begin at 8 p.m. in Phillips Hall on Dec. 22. Admission is free.



YOUNG LOVERS -- Emilia (Leslie Browne) and Yuri (Mikhail Baryshnikov) share tender moments in a scene from *The Turning Point*, a

Herbert Ross film depicting permanent life choices set against the glamourous world of ballet.

'The Turning Point'

Ross film examines road not taken

by Russ Chesley

"There are moments when it all comes together," Emma (Anne Bancroft) tells Deedee (Shirley MacLaine) early in *The Turning Point*. It's as though she were talking about the movie, it's such a finely-constructed tour de force for these two exceptional actresses.

The team dominates the screen as women who long ago reached a turning point in their lives and chose opposite routes, Bancroft that of prima ballerina dedicated to her art, MacLaine that of mother and part-time dance teacher.

Their paths cross again in Oklahoma City when Bancroft's company comes to town and MacLaine's oldest daughter, Emilia (Leslie Browne), is accepted as a member of the troupe.

When MacLaine goes to New York to stay with her daughter, she and Bancroft find themselves reliving the choices they made and the passions that prompted them, as well as watching a young person, Browne, face the same conflicts between love and ambition.

The Turning Point makes it as a statement because it pulls together this tight storyline around a brilliant setting, the world of dance, and presents the whole package with old-fashioned style.

Director Herbert Ross and writer Arthur Laurents used the fantastic intensity of ballet as counterpoint to the inner tension the characters experience.

While the film isn't about dance, per se, it captures the world of ballet as no motion picture has ever done before on such a mass level. The liberal sprinkling of dancers, especially superstar Mikhail Baryshnikov, doing their thing throughout the picture adds sparkle and power to what is essentially a simple little movie.

Dance also serves as a metaphorical symbol of continuity -- as does family life and marriage -- that unifies the generations in *The Turning Point* and integrates the story well.

There are weaknesses, notably the excruciatingly corny dialogue that creeps in from time to time -- "You got 19 curtain calls," "You got pregnant" -- and the trite rehearsal scene/fade into love scene between Browne and Baryshnikov (who are otherwise quite engaging newcomers to film).

However, *The Turning Point* has so much going for it in terms of story, setting and talent that it simply can't miss in overall effect; it transcends mere realism.

The glamour and mystique of dance combine with the universal truth of the choices the characters make to produce a stunning motion picture that makes an honest appeal to emotion.



LET HARMONY REIGN -- SAC Chorale Conductor and music instructor Larry Ball led students in joyous songs of praise. Along with traditional Christmas carols, the group sang lesser-known songs in Phillips Hall Tuesday Night.

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Brown is Don's extra head

Affable mentor gives cagers knowledge

by Raymond Crawford

Myron Brown paced slowly down the end court line at a recent Don practice. The cagers were intensely engaged in an intra-squad scrimmage and it was clearly apparent that Brown was waiting for the appropriate time to blow the whistle that was loosely held in his mouth.

Suddenly, the shrill of a squeaking whistle echoed through spacious Cook Gym. Sophomore guard Reggie Traylor had just tossed a beautiful no-look pass to back-up center Rick Nelson on a picture-perfect fast-break. Nelson had spoiled the play by missing the slam-dunk. "Ricky, how many times have I told you," said an irate Brown, "just put the ball in the basket." "I have never in my life seen a scorekeeper put two points on the board for a missed slam-dunk."

A couple of minutes later, the same fast-break situation materialized again. Ironically, Traylor and Nelson were the same two players involved. Apparently, coach Brown's lecture got through to Nelson, a 6'6" post-man. Without any hesitation, the big center layed the ball in.

"Awright, Ricky," said Brown obviously satisfied by Nelson's acknowledgment to his advice. "I'll settle for that any day."

Brown, who grew up in Detroit, Michigan, is the sharp-dressing assistant coach for the Dons. A natural athlete, Brown was a three-sport letterman in high school.

"I played quarterback in football, forward in basketball and I pitched in baseball," recalled the soft-spoken mentor. "Sports was a good way to elevate oneself in life . . . subsequently that's the route I chose."

After high school, Brown came out to California and attended Antelope JC. He was chosen to the all-conference



BROWN WATCHES PLAY

teams in football and basketball. The physical education major finished his last two years on a basketball scholarship at Cal State Fullerton. In 1968, he coached "B" basketball at Villa Park High for a couple years before arriving at SAC in 1970 as an assistant coach to Bill Oates, who currently skippers Athletes in Action.

Said Brown: "The chief difference between Oates and Todd's coaching philosophies is

that Oates put a lot of emphasis on defensive basketball. He believed the key to success was to stop the other team from scoring. On the other hand, Todd believes by scoring, you put pressure on your opponent."

"Before Todd arrived," continued Brown, "I was primarily a defensive coach. But, by working under Todd, I've learned an awful lot about offense. I believe now I can blend the two pretty well."

Coaching at SAC for seven years, Brown has had the chance to see some pretty good players.

"Blake Taylor was the best player I've seen since I've been here," assessed Brown. "He was very consistent and capable of breaking up a game at any time."

"If I had to choose my all-time Don lineup, it would be Jim Keyes in the post, Taylor and Bobby Angel at the forwards; Mike Adams and Steve Smith would be the guards."

The speedy, free-wheeling SAC express continued its smooth-running pace as the Dons blew past the USC junior varsity 103-49 last Saturday at the Los Angeles Sports Arena.

Sophomore shooting star Howard Avery led the onslaught by rattling the weak Trojan defense for a game-high 20 points. The lightening-quick backcourt ace dazzled the sparse crowd that attended the pre-league contest with his precision-timed assists that enabled SAC to score easy buckets.

"I was pretty psyched up since we were playing at the Sports Arena," said Avery. "I thought USC would field a tougher JV team than that."

Forwards Steve Hair and Edgar Wickliffe also sparkled in the win. The talented tandem, who have played consistently in all the Don games thus far, tallied 13 points apiece. Center Frank Jefferson and reserve forward Carlos Richardson were the other Dons who scored in double figures, tallying 11 and 10 points respectively.

"We played extremely well," said coach Rolland Todd. "SC wasn't that good and our guys did a good job of maintaining quality play throughout the entire game."

The Dons, who are now 4-2, are currently participating in the prestigious 16-team Modesto tourney.

Board takes bids for football coaching job

by John Thompson

Many key issues that could effect the school's future were brought out at the Rancho Santiago Community Board of Trustees meeting last Monday. One very large and puzzling issue that has been in the limelight of late was that one determining what steps would be taken in choosing a new head football coach.

In the boards executive session, the final arrangements were made on how this would be handled. The board members indicated that the office was now "open for bidding." Applications from all who are interested in the job, will now be accepted and screened over carefully by Athletic Director Dave Valentine. Applications are expected to flood Valentine's office in large numbers. The final decision as to who gets the job will be made sometime in February.

The prestigious head coach job, formally held by Howard Black, will be filled with the "man that fits all of our qualifications", stated Valentine. "He will not only be a coach - but, he will also have to have good teaching qualities."

Among those possibly in the running are SAC defensive coordinator Benny Rapp and present football coach at Villa Park High School, Ted Mullen.

A total revamping of the coaching staff is not known at this time. But, whoever takes over as head mentor will no doubt have a lot of pressure on their shoulders. However, with a little help from concerned boosters things could go a lot smoother.

"I'm quite sure Dave Valentine will pick the best possible candidate for the job," said John White, a member of the RSACCD. "He has done a commendable job in his past coaching appointments."

SAC 'classic'

Dec. 28-30

SAC, an established community college basketball power, will hold the inaugural SAC Holiday Basketball Classic on Dec. 28-30 in Cook Gym. The tournament will feature some of the top teams in the state.

Tickets will be 5.00 for adults and 2.50 for children 12 years and under for the two-day tourney. That price will include admission to all the tourney games. General admission will be 2.00 and 1.00 for kids. Those prices will apply for admission to individual games. Tickets can be purchased in the Don bookstore and will be available during the holiday vacation.

Opening round action begins at 3 p.m. on Dec. 28. Glendale, Arizona vs Porterville will be the featured game. At 5 p.m., Laney will play Mt. San Jacinto. San Bernardino Valley will tangle with Cypress, the state champions, at 7 p.m. Concluding the opening day festivities will be SAC and San Diego CC. Game time is 9 p.m.

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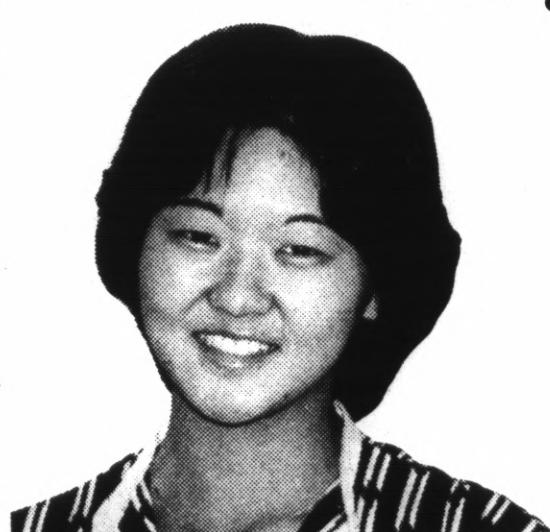
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TOUGH PAIR -- Sophomores Everett Winters and George Vega tangle in a friendly grappling match at a recent Don practice. The duo have

wrestled well for coach Frank Addleman's crew (photo by Jeff Armstrong)

Vega, Winters are two definite league threats

by John Thompson

To be a standout in any sport, no matter what it is, takes time and much dedication. Wrestling is a sport that demands everything an individual can give, and the end result is the complete satisfaction of victory.

The wrestling program at SAC has produced many top grapplers in the last thirteen years under the fine coaching of Frank Addleman. Don Shuler, Frank Gonzales and Don Alaman are some of his products. Each one of those individuals has spent time dedicating themselves to wrestling and learning the winning ways form one of the best programs in the state.

Two very determined letterman on this year's squad that keep pushing to be the best are sophomore standouts Everett Winters and George Vega. Both of these young gentlemen have been wrestling a number of years, and have developed the skills that are essential for becoming state and perhaps national champions in

their respective weight divisions.

"My goal this year is to take the state title and hopefully gain a scholarship to a good four year school - perhaps Arizona St. or U.C.L.A.," stated Winters a 21-yr-old Industrial Arts major. "With Our Lord, Jesus Christ, helping me along," continued Winters, "I know I can come out on top. I live by Jesus Christ."

Winters is not the only one on the team that uses Jesus Christ to inspire him in wrestling, Vega is also very religious.

"I pray every time before a match, and believe me, it helps me a lot knowing I have Christ on my side," said Vega. "Christ has been with me since my younger days in wrestling, I owe a lot to him."

On the year, both boast impressive records. Winters, who wrestles at 118 pounds has a 20-2 record, while Vega sports a 19-3 mark in his 158 pound class. Last year, Vega wrestled at 150 pounds and finished up third in the Southern California regionals.

"I put on eight pounds since

last year, and that has helped me a lot, even if I am wrestling in a heavier class. I've been hurt more this season, but I'm still in good shape, and I'll be in better shape for the finals. I'm lucky I am a fast healer."

Winters, who red-shirted last year due to an injury, has come back strong and been the aggressor in all of his matches. His two defeats have been to a familiar foe, Dave Saurez; the state champion from Cerritos who has an unblemished record so far this year.

Winters was recently named the "outstanding wrestler" in the San Jose tournament.

"Next time I face him, I will be ready and looking for a pin," stressed Winters.

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